

CHILDREN FARMED TO HOME IN SLUMS, PROBERS DECLARE

Board Housed Eight to
Ten Charity Wards in
Dilapidated Dwelling.

CRUELTY CHARGED

Neighbors Claim Tots Were
Left in Care of Girl
Of 14.

One of the most deplorable instances of child farming yet revealed was reported yesterday by independent investigators of boarding homes used by the Board of Children's Guardians.

The home in question is a six-room dilapidated frame dwelling in one of the poorest sections of southeast Washington. An illiterate woman, physically incapacitated, presides over the home, according to the investigators.

Income of \$300 a Month.

From information gathered yesterday it is believed that the home is typical of a number of money-making institutions, run by agents of the Board of Children's Guardians. Eight to ten children, netting a monthly income of from \$200 to \$300 per month, it is declared, were kept at this home.

When first questioned the woman in charge said that she had never had more than four children from the Board of Guardians at a time.

Neighbors said yesterday that when there were ten children at the home the woman in charge frequently would go away for the day, leaving the babies and smaller children in care of a 14-year-old girl.

At times, it was asserted, the custodians would not return home until 9 or 10 o'clock at night, leaving the children without meals. In addition to the neglect of wards, it was declared by residents in the vicinity that questionable parties, in which the participants remained all night, were held at the home.

Stories of cruelty, in which a man at the home "slapped a crying child clean through the door," were told. Neighbors related how a little girl who was crying after her mother's father as he went out the front door, and he said to have knocked her back into the house because she screamed. The landlady at this home said that she had been keeping children for the Board of Children's Guardians for years. Strong in defense of their activities, she declared that they were most attentive to the children's welfare.

While there was no way of verifying all reports concerning the home, its appearance and location indicate that the Board of Guardians had gone to the slum sections of Washington to find homes for its wards. Practically all of the homes in the section have the appearance of being poverty stricken. Groups of ragged children, watched by faded men and women, play in the streets.

Avail Report of Committee.

A member of the Board of Children's Guardians recently explained that the reason homes in such sections were used is that they are better than the homes from which children are taken. In following this explanation, it was explained, it was felt that a service was rendered when a child is taken from the streets of society and placed in a home one grade higher.

The final disposition of the problem, it is believed, will not be made until after the District Commissioners receive a report from their investigating committee. Thirty homes have been visited so far, Daniel Gargies, head of the committee, said yesterday. The investigators, it is stated, will not attempt to visit all of the 200 homes used by the Board of Guardians as "boarding homes."

Suit May Test Authority Of Children's Guardians

Belief that contempt proceedings brought against Judge Willis Brown, former justice of the Utah State Court, by Judge Kathryn Sellers, of the Juvenile Court, will afford a foothold for legal determination of authority both of the Juvenile Court and the Board of Children's Guardians was expressed by friends of Judge Brown yesterday.

Judge Brown is alleged by Judge Kathryn Sellers to have published recently an article offending the dignity of her court. In the citation for contempt this article is referred to as "impertinent, scandalous, insulting and contemptuous." The first hearing was held Monday when Judge Sellers overruled the motion for a demurrer to dismiss the case and for substitution of another judge to hear the charge. Judge Brown thereupon declared he was ready to proceed with the case, but for reasons undivulged Judge Sellers continued the hearing until July 20.

The specific statement to which exception was taken referred to authority exercised by the court over dependent and delinquent wards of the Board of Children's Guardians. When a child is brought before the Juvenile Court, it is explained, that body has but one alternative, viz., to consign it to the workhouse or to the Board of Children's Guardians. If the latter course is taken, it is said, the Guardians have absolute control, and the child is not subject to the court's order.

In his article Judge Brown quotes Judge Sellers by saying, "We have in understanding with the Board of Children's Guardians a body which will not send a child back to its home without consulting the court." Denying this statement, Judge Sellers declares she referred herself merely to delinquent children on probation to the board for "contempt hearing." The first statement, she declares, is virtually a charge that he court proceeds in a high-handed fashion.

Regardless of the outcome friends of Judge Brown expect to take advantage of the contempt proceedings to have clearly defined the authority of both the court and the Guardians. If the proceedings in the past have been based on friendly agreements, they declare, the validity of such agreements must be determined.

As far as the contempt charges are concerned, Judge Brown believes they cannot be sustained. The action of Judge Sellers, he declares, is equivalent to that of a justice of the peace. In case she is absent, he pointed out, the law di-

Elks' Convention Elects Masters Exalted Ruler

Over 20,000 On Hand. Chosen Exalted
Congressional Delegation
Leaves Today.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—J. Edgar Masters, of Charleroi, Pa., was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks, in convention here today. He will succeed William Wallace Mountain of Toledo.

The Elks have literally taken over this resort. They're everywhere and "Hello Bill" is heard on every hand. Streets are gaily decorated, and Elks bands are constantly playing.

It is estimated 20,000 Elks have arrived, and that 10,000 more are on the way.

Thirty Bands Compete.
A contest for band supremacy attracted wide attention. Thirty bands participated. The Philadelphia band was awarded first prize; the Omaha band second; Milwaukee third, and Chicago and San Antonio were given medals.

Milwaukee brought the biggest delegation from the West—a fifty-piece band, a drill patrol, and 500 members of the lodge in that city.

The drill patrol from Jackson, Mich., is attracting much attention. Two squads, members wearing purple trench caps, white trousers and shoes, and blue coats, and carrying rifles, kept on the move about the city.

The next convention, it was announced, will be held in Boston.

Congress Elks Leave Today.

The annual round-up of Congressional Elks will be staged today when Representative Isaac Bacharach, of New Jersey, will lead the thirty-four Senators and 134 Representatives who are Elks, on a personally conducted outing to Atlantic City for the fifty-eighth reunion of the grand lodge. The party will leave on a special train at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt will be a special guest of Representative Bacharach. He will review the grand parade tomorrow and make the principal address. Although the attendance of a large delegation of Representatives is a feature of the convention each year, it is expected that the number will be smaller this year because of adjournment of the House.

WOMEN WILL MAKE PEACE FIRST PLANK

Six Fair Candidates for Congress Pledged to Program.

World peace will be the first plank in the platform of six women candidates for Congress, according to the National Council for Reduction of Armaments yesterday.

"American men can do anything. And the next thing they are going to do, believe it or not, is to have permanent peace in the world. One reason they are going to do it is because every woman in the country is telling them to do it. Nothing is going to divert women from this thought, and the man who woman will not be successful in politics who does not recognize this fact," declares Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton.

"I am advocating an amendment to the Constitution that will make the declaration of war impossible except by the direct vote of the people," said Mrs. Winnifred Mason of Illinois. "I expect opposition because it is hard for us to get away from the monarchical idea that the people do not know what is best for them."

Mrs. Belle Kearney, of Mississippi, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senator, concurs with Mrs. Huck in proposing the Constitutional amendment. Mrs. Anna D. Olson, Democratic nominee for Senator in Minnesota, Mrs. B. B. Cooper, of Wisconsin, Mrs. Lella Seton Edmondson of Alabama, and Mrs. Izzett Jewell Brown, of West Virginia, candidates for Democratic nominations for the House in their respective states, all assert that plans for permanent peace are among their legislative considerations.

Sherrill's Ukase "Stumps" Police

How to Tell "Family Party"
From Spooneers, Poser,
They Say.

Rock Creek Park policemen are vainly endeavoring to ascertain how they can tell the difference between "spooneers" and "family parties," for they are cautioned, "use discretion" in the enforcement of the "no parking after dark" edict issued by Lieut. Col. C. O. Sherrill, superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings.

Col. Sherrill's latest notice to the policemen is that they must "put a stop to spooneers, parties, but that 'family parties' must not be disturbed."

How to know when a party is one of the "spooneers" variety or when it is known as a "family" party, without investigating, and how to investigate without offending the persons included in the party. This is the involved question which is whirling through the minds of the policemen whose duty it is to uphold the regulations set down by Col. Sherrill.

Meanwhile, Col. Sherrill, in explaining the meaning of the "no parking" order, states that the policemen "will interpret the regulation liberally."

Pope Plus' Cook Resigns.

ROME, July 11.—Pope Plus' cook has just resigned because of an "unpleasant" regime which the Holy Father has instituted in all departments of the Vatican. When the purse strings were tightened it was too much for the czar of the kitchen, so he left.



J. EDGAR MASTERS.
Of Charleroi, Pa., was unanimously elected as head of the B. P. O. E. at Atlantic City yesterday.

D. C. PLANS TO FREE CREEK OF SEWAGE

Commissioners Approve Reciprocity With State of Maryland.

In an effort to end the present pollution of Rock Creek, the Eastern branch of Potomac River and other District streams rising in Maryland, the District Commissioners yesterday approved a tentative reciprocal agreement with Maryland.

The plan calls for connecting sewers of the Maryland suburbs with the District sewer system and will eliminate their using the streams as an outlet. The amount of sewage will be measured and paid for at the rate of one-half cent per 1,000 gallons for the first five years, after which a new agreement will be reached.

The plans call for submitting this agreement to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission which will represent the Maryland State authorities. Permission was granted the Commissioners in 1917 by Act of Congress to enter into an agreement with Maryland in regard to this matter.

The Sanitary Commission already has the funds through the sale of bonds issues with which to build the sewer lines to connect with the District system. It is expected the District Commissioners will ask Congress for an appropriation with which to build its trunk lines to the District borders.

Complaints against the sanitary condition of Rock Creek have been numerous with the summer months and Lieut. Col. O. Sherrill, superintendent of parks and public grounds recently issued an order barring the creek to swimmers.

While the District has been able by regulations and by building receiving sewers along the banks to prevent the contamination of the water within the District limits, it has been unable to prevent the Maryland people from using it as a sewage outlet. The agreement is expected to remedy this situation.

OFFICER BATTLES 8 NEGROES, WINS

Fired Upon Five Times With
Own Gun, Wrenched
From Him.

After a thrilling battle with eight negroes in a Congress court north-west, early last night, during which five shots were fired at him from his own gun, Policeman C. W. Hinton succeeded in subduing two of his assailants and bringing them to the station house. All three were then treated at the Emergency hospital.

Charles Diggs, 40 years old, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct. Ernest Williams, 25, with a dangerous weapon and assault on another negro earlier in the day. Both prisoners live at 5 Congress court.

ASSURE FRUIT MEN OF ENOUGH CARS

Although fruit crops of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia this year will be much larger than last year, sufficient transportation facilities will be available for marketing, the growers were informed by railroad officials yesterday, during a conference of the Fruit Growers' Association, held in the auditorium of Central Market.

The conference, which was called by the Bureau of Markets in the various States represented and the Department of Agriculture, was attended by more than 100 fruit growers, dealers and allied enterprises. The growers expect a good crop of apples, grapes and pears and a medium crop of peaches.

Admiral Accuses Driver.

On complaint of Admiral Charles F. Plunkett, U. S. N., of Wardman Park Hotel, Abbe Hendelson, 25 years old, 1541 M street northwest, was arrested by Detective Jett, accused of colliding with the admiral's machine, failing to stop, and having no operator's permit. The accident occurred Monday, July 3, on Connecticut avenue northwest.

MEMORIAL TEMPLE MAKES PROGRESS

AT ALEXANDRIA

Excavation Is Complete
And Foundation Ready
To Be Poured.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENS

Adams Will Case to Be Heard
In Appeals Court on
Writ of Error.

THE HERALD BUREAU,
A. S. Doniphan,
127 King Street.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 11.—Most of the excavating for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Temple on George Washington Park, Shooter's Hill, has been completed and the pouring of the concrete foundation will soon be started. The foundation will be upon concrete and stone, and will be over 200 feet square.

The Cranford Faving Company of Washington have done the excavating. They have worked with wonderful rapidity and the once green hill is now a yellow claybank.

The architects will shortly determine whether the structure will be built of marble or granite.

It is planned to have the cornerstone laid in October and members of the association, together with other Masonic representatives from throughout the country will attend.

The State Court of Appeals has granted Judge J. K. M. Norton, of this city, a writ of error in the Adams case. The suit was instituted in the Circuit Court by certain heirs of the late Lewis M. Adams to break the will. The first trial resulted in a hung jury and the second in a verdict to the effect that the jurors did not believe the will was wholly written in the handwriting of the testator. An appeal was taken. The case now will be heard by the Appeals Court. The complainants are represented by Attorneys Smith and Woolfs.

Work of improving four squares on Washington street between Duke and Franklin streets, is nearing completion. With this improvement, a 60-foot bituminous macadam roadway, there will be a fine road by way of Washington street to Mount Vernon except for three bad squares on Franklin between Washington and Patrick streets. It is expected that the new city council in September will provide for improvement of these three squares.

C. C. Carlin has donated the use of his lot on the west side of Washington between Cameron and Queen streets for the band concerts which will be given every Friday evening by the Citizens' Band. The first of the concerts will be given Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

With a large attendance a chautauqua was opened here tonight and will close next Monday. An interesting program has been arranged for each night. A junior chautauqua also is being held in connection with it.

The bimonthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the Knights of Columbus Home. The first degree, which was conferred July 26 and the second degree on July 28, followed on July 30 by conferring of the third degree by Past State Deputy Leo P. Rover, of Washington.

Elmer L. Spittle has purchased from Richard Gibson the store building at the southeast corner of King and Alfred streets, which is regarded as one of the best business corners in the city. It is now occupied by Mr. Spittle as a drug store.

Nelson T. Snyder and wife and C. S. Taylor, trustees, have sold to J. Kenneth Altcheon lot 25, block 38, Woolf's resubdivision, South Braddock.

Mayor J. M. Duncan requests all persons who have not yet paid their annual license taxes to do so at once. He is anxious that all such taxes be in prior to September, when the new form of city government will become operative.

The railway strikers held a meeting today, but nothing definite was done. The employees of Potomac yards will be paid off at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow and employees of the Southern on Saturday.

Sixty members of Company M, 116th Infantry, Alexandria Machine Gun Company, were inoculated against typhoid and smallpox last night at the armory by Dr. Walter A. Warfield. They are now ready to go into camp next month with the State militia.

GLEN ECHO CITIZENS IN BOOSTER DRIVE

Initial steps in a program designed to show the advantages of Glen Echo as a home center were taken at a meeting of the Glen Echo Citizens' Association last night. The possibility of the extension of the District park system to Great Falls, the efficiency of the independent water system which now supplies the town, and the increasing activity in real estate and building because of the governmental appropriation for the new water supply conduit were pointed out.

A review of the work of the Montgomery County Social Service League during the past year was presented by Miss Elizabeth Spamer, director of the league.

Baby Boy Born to Gussie Humann, Outside Prison

NEW YORK, July 11.—That her baby might be spared the stigma of birth in prison, Gussie Humann was taken yesterday from her cell to Auburn City Hospital, where a healthy boy was born to her early today.

Miss Humann was sentenced several months ago to Auburn penitentiary for non consent to fifteen years, on conviction of slaying Harry Garbe, her former sweetheart, last December.

Fire in Tailoring House. Causes Damage of \$2,000

Fire destroyed suit patterns worth \$2,000 in the tailoring establishment of George E. Hebbard & Co., 1312 F street northwest, last night. The blaze, which was of unknown origin, was confined to the rear of the shop and did slight damage to an adjoining room used by Jacob Leibster, a furrier.

The PALAIS ROYAL

The Shopping Center—11th and G Sts.

Est'd 1877—A. Lisner, President

Bargain Basement Today's Demonstration Sale



At **\$2.98**
450 Dainty Tub Dresses

Made to Retail at \$3.98 to \$5.00

GINGHAM DRESSES—SOME WITH ORGANDY REVERS. VOILE DRESSES, ALSO

Choice of dozens of attractive styles. Truly dainty, with novelty collars, frills, revers, pockets, sashes and rick-rack braid trimmings. Sun and tub proof colors; pretty shades of blues, greens, tans, pinks and plenty of black and white effects. Dresses intended to sell at \$3.98 to \$5.00. All sizes to 44 at \$2.98.—Bargain Basement.

Princess Slips, \$1.00

Of lingerie cloth; the skirt with 20-inch sunproof hem; camisole top lace and embroidered trimmed. \$1.50 value. At \$1.00.

Umbrellas, \$1.98

Children's Colored Umbrellas — for rain or shine—with Bakelite handles in colors. Very special at \$1.98.

\$1 Silk Hose, 77c

Women's. With long silk boots, lisle garter tops; fashioned with seam; nude, gray, tan, brown, black; irregular.

Misses' Socks, 33c

Silk and fiber mixed; dropstitch; roll cuff tops; black and best colors; sizes 6 to 9; irregular. 49c grade. At 33c.

39c Hose, 2 Pairs, 49c

Women's Burson. Regular and out-sizes; seamless and fashioned. Lisle Hose, white, black and brown; irregular.

Marseilles Spreads One-Third Off

For twin, ¾ and double beds; hemmed and scalloped borders. At one-third less than regular prices.

Summer Voile, 35c

Also Sport Suitings; 3,000 yards in all new shades for skirts, waists and dresses. 49c and 59c yard values. At 35c.

Today—Palais Royal Bargain Basement

Petticoats, 95c

Of lingerie cloth, with deep flounces of joined laces and embroidery; extra dust ruffle; \$1.50 values. At 95c.

Corsets—Stouts—\$1.89

Of coutil, some reinforced over abdomen, with elastic in back; broad front clasp; six suspenders; sizes 25 to 35.

Towels, 3 for 75c

18x36-inch; absorbent; neatly hemmed; regularly 35c each. Buy 3 at 75c, and save thirty (30) cents.

Bed Ticking, 19c

32-inch Blue and White Stripe Ticking, for covering mattresses, etc.; full pieces. Special at 19c yard.

\$1.50 Sheets, \$1.29

Double bed-size, 81x90, and seamless; 1,000 to be sold. At \$1.29 each. Good Sheets; free of filling.

Cases, 3 for \$1.00

Sizes 42x36 and 45x36 inches; hemmed and ironed; ready to use; regularly 45c each. Any 3 for \$1.00.

Petticoats, 85c

Sateen, silkstoff, colonial taffeta and cotton messaline, plain colors and floral; regular and extra sizes.

Bloomers, 25c

Juveniles. Sizes up to 14; of crepe, with or without ruffle; limited to three pairs to each purchaser.

Today—Palais Royal Bargain Basement

It is the aim and purpose of this Basement Store to render a worthy public service by distributing reliable, up-to-the-minute merchandise at lower than normal prices.

Convenient arrangement of merchandise, together with a courteous sales force also helps to make shopping here a pleasure.

This week's "Demonstration Sale" is winning hosts of new friends and patrons.

Thrift Habit-Shop in Our Bargain Basement

Petticoats, 50c

The embroidery flounce is the feature of these Petticoats. It makes 50c a bargain price.

More Good News for Today— Just 300 New Summer Dresses

From our recent sale. Not leftovers, by any means, but delayed shipments of really the most desirable merchandise purchased for our past sale. The stock is not great—early shopping is advised.



Printed Voiles
Normandy Voile
Imported Gingham
Imported Tissues

Swiss Organdies
Dotted Swisses
Seco Silks
Plain Voiles

Braided, ornamented, silk-stitched in a host of charming models for young and old. Every color imaginable is represented.

Nile Pink Copen Buff
Lavender Black Rose Beige
Tan Sand Navy Green

No Exchanges, No Refunds, No C. O. D's. Every Sale Final.

On Sale Today—Palais Royal Bargain Basement.

\$3.85